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## Waidelich Passes Former Principal at High School Dies Suddenly

Shadows of sadness fell upon the campus of Torrance high school and throughout the entire city Monday afternoon when the untimely passing of Arthur G. Waidelich, former high school principal here, was announced. He was 46 years of age.

The beloved educator, who in September, 1935, was promoted to the principalship at Culver City-Palms Alexander Hamilton high school, died suddenly of a heart attack at 1:40 p. m. Monday in a Culver City hospital where he had been rushed following an attack in his office an hour before. He was in the physician's office at the hospital when he was stricken the second time. Death came in a few minutes.

**To Be Ph. D.**

Mr. Waidelich had been suffering from a heart ailment for a number of years, a condition brought about during the World War when he contracted pneumonia. He had been affected ever since, although few of his friends knew it. Since leaving Torrance, Mr. Waidelich had been studying intensively to become a doctor of philosophy and his final examinations for the doctor's degree were scheduled to be held in two weeks. It is believed that the strain of this extra work may have been too much for his weakened heart.

**Military Service**

A native of Indiana, Arthur G. Waidelich served at the Letterman hospital in San Francisco as a first lieutenant and later was appointed captain during the World War. Following the war he served in the civil division of the rehabilitation department.

**Noted Educator**

He graduated from Chicago University and received his M. A. degree at the University of Southern California. Prior to coming to Torrance, he was vice principal for about four years at Frank Wiggins trade school in Los Angeles. After remaining in Torrance as principal at the local high school for two years his outstanding ability as an educator was further rewarded by his promotion as principal at the much larger Alexander Hamilton high school in the Culver City-Palms district in September, 1935.

**Devoted to Youth**

Throughout his educational career, Mr. Waidelich took a keen interest in youth welfare work, and among those who mourn his loss most acutely are the hundreds of young people whom he has helped over troublesome situations in their school and social contacts. He was active in youth service work with the Torrance Rotary Club, and upon his transfer to Culver City.

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### FRIEND OF YOUTH



ARTHUR G. WAIDELICH, whose untimely passing is mourned by all who knew him.

### City to Erect Neon Sign on Prairie Ave.

#### Constitutionality of Securities Act Upheld by Federal Judge

A new neon sign lettered "North Torrance" is to be erected at the intersection of Prairie avenue and Redondo Beach boulevard (formerly known as Redondo-Riverside boulevard), it was decided by the Torrance city council this week. Residents of the district, commonly known as the McDonald Tract, agreed a few weeks ago to change the name of their section to "North Torrance" in recognition of the more friendly spirit which now exists between city officials and residents of the northern part of the city.

Members of the city council also authorized the removal of the neon sign at the junction of Western avenue and El Prado, where it is partially hidden by a sodium fog light, to the southern limits of the city on Narbonne avenue.

Thus the city will have attractive illuminated signs at both its northern and southern entrances. Similar signs are located at Vermont and Carson and Torrance boulevard at Hawthorne avenue.

## Further Action Planned to Push Canal Project

President of Association Gets Valuable Pointers At Balboa

Complete details as to the methods used in Balboa for the construction of the harbor in that section were obtained by Charles T. Rippey, president of the Harbor Association of this section, in a visit to Balboa Tuesday. Mr. Rippey contacted the engineer in charge of the work, and learned many facts which may prove useful in securing the construction of a barge canal as an extension of the Los Angeles harbor into this district.

According to this information, the Balboa harbor was completed as a federal project through the war department which financed 50 percent of the cost, and as a PWA project which took care of another 30 percent, leaving the harbor district to TURN TO STORY 1

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## FREIGHT CAR LOADINGS HIT HIGHEST MARK SINCE BOOM

Business At Local Railroad Offices Shows Unmistakable Evidence of Business Revival, According to Local Agents

Railroad freight traffic, accurate barometer of business, soared upward in Torrance last month to the highest mark of any September since the depression, according to figures released today by W. H. Bratton, local agent for the Pacific Electric Railway. There were 721 carloads of freight received and forwarded by the Pacific Electric in Torrance last month, as compared with 445 carloads in September, 1935, and a mere 97 carloads in September, 1932, the low ebb of the depression. Detailed figures as submitted today by Agent Bratton showing the business handled by the Torrance office of the Pacific Electric Railway tell a convincing story of business recovery. Look them over:

Year	Rec'd & Fwd. Carloads	Weight	Less Than Carload Freight Shpmts.
1936	721	72,850,000 Lbs.	426,000 Lbs.
1935	445	40,700,000 Lbs.	196,000 Lbs.
1934	294	30,537,000 Lbs.	165,000 Lbs.
1933	391	43,500,000 Lbs.	84,000 Lbs.
1932	97	4,800,000 Lbs.	92,000 Lbs.
1931	217	17,730,000 Lbs.	82,000 Lbs.

### Santa Fe Exports

A general upward trend in business handled by the Santa Fe railroad is also reported by A. T. Savage, Torrance agent. Due to the nature of the company's business here, carloadings held up remarkably well through the depression years. Consequently, there is not the sharp contrast between this year's volume and that of previous years, Agent Savage explains. However, he reports a noticeable increase in number of shipments and other activities at the local Santa Fe offices. There is more doing at the Torrance offices than at any time since the depression, Mr. Savage states.

## NELSON TRIAL NOT TO BE SET UNTIL SPRING

Constitutionality of Securities Act Upheld by Federal Judge

Trial of Edward C. Nelson, former Torrance business man and city official, and five others charged with conspiracy and misuse of the mails will not be set until next spring in United States district court, it was stated this week by Federal Judge William P. James after he overruled demurrers in Los Angeles.

Judge James accepted pleas of not guilty from each of the six defendants, who are alleged by the government to have made asserted fraudulent representations in an attempt to sell \$1,500,000 worth of trade acceptances.

The demurrers attacked the constitutionality of the Securities Act of 1933, and Judge James, after considerable deliberation, upheld the constitutionality of the act this week.

First Test  
 Judge James' ruling was the first test of the criminal section of the act in the nation, although civil provisions have been attacked in eastern states.

Nelson and the five other defendants charged the act did not bring "trade acceptances" within its scope, that enforcement of the law's provisions constituted taking property without due process of law, and also that Congress had "conferred arbitrary power" on the Securities Exchange Commission.

United States Attorney Pierson M. Hall argued Congress was within its rights in legislating to prevent "severe losses" to investors thru practices neither ethical nor honest. He said the act provided that every issue of new securities sold in interstate commerce be accompanied by full publicity and information to the buying public.

### Sidewalks In Business Area To Be Widened

Work of extending all sidewalks in the business district to the curbs, eliminating the narrow strips of dirt between the present sidewalks and the curbs, was begun by city crews this week. The improvement is to include all streets in the business district. An appropriation of \$1,700 was voted recently by the city council to cover the cost of the work.

## At Last city dads are Appreciated

"Well now, ain't that nice!" exclaimed members of the city council this week when residents of North Torrance (formerly known as McDonald Tract) extended an invitation to the city dads and their wives to a party in their honor at the Perry school on Oct. 14, at 7:30 p. m.

Details of the novel affair are being kept a dark secret, but sufficient information has leaked out to let the councilmen know that the party is being given in appreciation for recent actions favorable to residents of North Torrance. Among these are the removal of the hog farm, additional street lights, and improvements in roads. Latest addition to the district is the erection of a new neon sign soon to be placed at the corner of Prairie avenue and Redondo Beach boulevard. The sign will bear the lettering "North Torrance" which has been adopted by residents of the McDonald Tract as the new designation of this district and in recognition of the friendly relations existing between the northern annexed territory and the old city of Torrance.

### China Clipper Brings Lovely Gift

Mrs. Margaret Hutchins, clerk at the postoffice, whose son Jack is employed with a construction company in Honolulu, received a surprise gift from her son Tuesday which made a record trip across the Pacific. The parcel, containing a ginger lei, was mailed in Honolulu at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, arriving on board the "China Clipper" in Oakland at 11 a. m. Tuesday. Here the parcel was transferred to local airmail, Oakland to Los Angeles, and came in to Torrance on the afternoon mail over the P. E. railway at 4 o'clock p. m., just 24 hours after it had left the Islands. The lei, made of delicate fresh blooms was as lovely as when it was made.

### Local Singers In Bowl Concert

Rev. and Mrs. F. D. Meching, Mrs. Charles Mearing and Mrs. H. P. Nelson, of Torrance, are members of the Lutheran Choral Union choir which will be heard in the concert at Hollywood Bowl next Sunday to celebrate the dedication of a new pipe organ. A massed choir representing many localities in the Southland will present the program.

## Depression Over Up Go Haircuts To Half a Buck

Barbers of Torrance Will Display Union Cards Starting Monday

"No more haircuts at 35 cents after next Saturday," say the barbers of Torrance, "for we've all joined the union." The days of depression are over and the tonsorialists of the city have joined the parade of higher prices, better wages, and a more abundant life.

Starting Monday morning, up go the union cards and up go the haircuts to 50 cents, 35 cents for children, though why the barber should charge a reduced rate to spend an hour and a half taking off the locks of a bawling, squirming youngster, and half an hour to snip off the ragged edges of the few stray hairs left to a bald-headed man is one of life's mysteries. Anyway they're going to do it. Rents have gone up, say the barbers, journeymen are forced to be content with a low wage, and things in general are just a bust with the price of a snip at two bits and a dime. Furthermore, it is confidentially volunteered, the heat has been turned on the barbers in Lomita which is quite a union town occupied by not a few longshoremen, who want to see the barbers of that city get in line and charge the scale.

So long as the barbers in Torrance held to the old rate the barbers in Lomita were forced to do so or see a lot of their trade fanning the breeze for Torrance. Out of respect and sympathy for their brethren at the shears in Lomita the barbers here agreed to raise the rate, even down to the last and most rugged independent who has been holding out for the privilege of fixing his own rates. All other prices for barber service will remain the same. One other thing. Beginning October 10, all barber shops will close Saturday night at 7 o'clock instead of 8.

## Widely Known And Respected Citizen Dies

Edward Sidebotham Passes Away Wednesday At Lomita Home

Edward Sidebotham, 74, widely known and respected resident of Lomita, passed away at his home, 26125 Narbonne avenue, about 3 o'clock Wednesday morning, October 7. He had been bedfast for several weeks, following a long period of ill health. Mr. Sidebotham was a native of Manchester, England, and came to the United States as a young man of 20 years.

With his family he moved to Lomita in 1913, where he acquired considerable property and 18 years ago opened a sand and gravel pit in the foothills south of that city which he developed into a thriving business venture. While he devoted strict attention to his business affairs and worked side by side with his employees who held him in highest esteem, Mr. Sidebotham was interested in the civic welfare of his community and aided in its progressive movements. He served one term as president of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Eliza May Sidebotham, two sons, Edward R. and Leo H. Sidebotham; two daughters, Mrs. Elythe Hendricks of Wilmington, Mrs. May Scott of Torrance; two brothers, John and Thomas Sidebotham of Lomita, and two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Tappin and Mrs. J. O. Moore, of Torrance.

Funeral rites will be conducted Saturday at 2 o'clock at the A. M. Gamby chapel, 25001 Narbonne avenue, Lomita, under the auspices of the Torrance Masonic lodge. The Lomita Masonic lodge will conduct the services at the grave. Interment will be made in Inglewood Park cemetery.

## Free Cooking School With Valuable Door Prizes To Be Held Oct. 21, 22, 23

Ladies! Here IS NEWS! And good news, too, that you will all be glad to hear.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Oct. 21, 22 and 23, between 1 p. m. and 3 p. m., at the Torrance civic auditorium, housewives of Torrance, Lomita, Gardena and other near-by communities are invited to hear one of America's foremost home economic experts, Nina G. Abbey, who will conduct a most interesting and instructive cooking school under the joint sponsorship of the Torrance Herald and the Union Ice Company.

### HOME ECONOMIST

A year ago last April, Nina G. Abbey conducted a similar cooking school at the Torrance Theatre and those who attended will recall her sparkling personality and highly interesting program, which was acclaimed by many as the most interesting cooking school they had ever witnessed. This year, Mrs. Abbey presents an entirely new program, which promises to eclipse that of last year.

Countless suggestions for the health and happiness of the home will be offered. Not only does Mrs. Abbey lecture on the newest and most attractive methods of preparing foods, but she also offers suggestions for entertaining, for balanced diets and for cutting home budgets.

### Short Sessions

Mrs. Abbey does not believe in long sessions for a cooking school, and for this reason the lectures and demonstrations will begin at 1 p. m. and conclude promptly at 3 p. m. The course is carefully planned so that every minute of the two-hour daily sessions is interesting and full of action.

### Valuable Prizes

Valuable door prizes will be awarded each day of the cooking school and on Friday, the final day, a beautiful modern Albatross ice refrigerator will be given away. All tickets filled out during the three-day session will be utilized in awarding the grand prize on the closing day. Admission is free and all women are cordially invited to attend.

Watch next week's issue for more information on this exciting event. But keep these dates in mind—Oct. 21-22-23—and don't let anything keep you from attending.

## Mail Messenger Job Open For Bids

According to Postmaster C. Earl Conner, the job of mail messenger, to handle the trucking of mail to and from the postoffice is open for bids. Application forms may be obtained from Mr. Conner at the postoffice and must be filed not later than Oct. 15.

## Community Show Tonight At Civic Auditorium; Celebrated Radio Stars On Interesting Program

All is in readiness for tonight's big "Community Show," according to Hillman Lee, chairman.

Prize awards are stacked high ready for distribution to those attending, entertainers are waiting to go, and free tickets are being distributed by local chain stores for the big "Torrance Community Show" beginning at 8 o'clock tonight (Thursday) at the Civic Auditorium.

Twelve hundred persons, a capacity crowd—are expected to jam the auditorium, according to Martyn Agens, master of ceremonies, who will introduce many of the favorite stars in the celebrated radio "California Hour."

One of Southern California's most noted magicians, Martyn, the Magic Man, will give an uncanny exhibition of magic. "Harmony in Color" will be sung by the "Four Gentlemen from the Southland." There will be a motion picture called "Spirit of '98" and a comedy. The renowned Howell-Aretta 20-piece accordion band is another feature of the program.

Doors will be open at 7:30 p. m. and the show starts promptly at 8 o'clock, Chairman Lee states.

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